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| Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) | |
| | 09/632,774 | HAITSUKA ET AL. | |
| | Examiner | Art Unit | |
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/29/10.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: ____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date <u>9/29/10</u> 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date <u>10/06/10</u>. 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other ____. |
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/Eric W. Stamber/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 3622

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Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement(s) (IDS) submitted on 09/29/2010 is/are in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement(s) is/are being considered by the examiner and an initialed copy is attached.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark Goldstein on 10/06/2010.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

1.1. In the specification, lines 1 and 2 of page 1, after "SPONSORSHIP/ADVERTISING FOR AN INTERNET CLIENT" delete "NOTICE OF COPYRIGHTS AND TRADE DRESS"

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The most pertinent prior art known to the Examiner is listed on the attached forms PTO-892 and 1449. As shown by Filepp, Angles, Hassett, Pegorao and Mandel and Servan-Schreiber in the newly-submitted IDS of 09/29/2010, the close prior arts of record, methods for displaying advertisements to a user accessing an online session provided by an online service provider are well-known. However, none of the prior art of record including Fiepp, Angles,

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Hassett, Pegorao, Mandel and Servan-Schreiber provides sufficient suggestion or motivation to arrive at a method that includes “the client application, online service provider, and Internet browser be separate and distinct from each other” (see page 6 of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences decision of 06/08/2010) as required in the present claims. Accordingly, the claimed invention, as a whole, would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the business methods art. None of the prior art of record teaches, discloses or suggests a method for accessing online content with subsidized advertisements with the specific and separate client application, browser application, and online service provider in the manner as those recited the present claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tri V. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-6965. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on (571) 272-1119 for chemistry and Eric Stamber can be reached on (571) 272-6724 for business methods. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/T. V. N./

Examiner, Art Unit 1764

October 13, 2010

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